

# OHIO FARM REPORT



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## OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during October, 2004, totaled 636 million eggs, up 5 percent from last month and up 1 percent compared with a year earlier when production for October, 2003, totaled 629 million eggs. During October there were 28.5 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,234 eggs per 100 layers, or 72.1 percent. There were 7.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on November 1, 2004, compared with 5.0 percent on the same date a year earlier. There are 28.0 percent of the layers in Ohio that have completed a forced molt, compared with 21.0 percent a year ago. In the 30 major egg-producing states on November 1, 2004, 4.2 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 23.4 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during October 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2004 averaged 344 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,221 eggs, up slightly from October 2003.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2004, totaled 344 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 344 million layers consisted of 287 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.50

million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2004, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.15 billion eggs during October 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during October, at 322 million, was up 3 percent from a year ago.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 36.0 million, up 3 percent from October 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.0 million on November 1, 2004, up 27 percent from a year ago.

The October 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 758 million, was up 3 percent from October of the previous year. There were 608 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 27.4 million, down 4 percent from November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the October 2004 total of 26.7 million. The 20.8 million poults placed during October 2004 in the United States were down 9 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 2 percent from the September 2004 total of 21.3 million.

## OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

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	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated <sup>1/</sup>	
	2003	2004	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	28,969	28,467	2,234	629	636	7,013	6,733
U.S.	335,333	344,194	2,221	7,439	7,643	79,870	81,447

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period began December of previous year.

## CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed <sup>1/</sup>		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands			Thousands			Thousands		
	Percent			Percent			Percent		
Oct.	34,812	35,971	103	734,961	757,530	103	22,805	20,806	91
Jan.-Oct.	352,183	362,041	103	7,592,024	7,807,118	103	44,976	42,074	94

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period for turkey begins September 1.

## EGGS IN INCUBATORS - NOVEMBER 1

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands			Thousands			Thousands		
	Percent			Percent			Percent		
East North Central <sup>1/</sup>	5,715	7,728	135	8,212	8,582	105	4,534	4,368	96
United States	29,088	37,001	127	587,923	607,594	103	28,650	27,385	96

<sup>1/</sup> Not available by States.

## CORNBELT I HIRED WORKERS AND WAGES UP FROM LAST YEAR

There were 47,000 hired workers in the Cornbelt I region during the survey week of October 10-16, 2004, up 2,000 from a year earlier. There were 32,000 hired workers who worked 150 days or more and 15,000 hired workers who worked 149 days or less.

Farm operators in the Cornbelt I region paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.98 per hour during the survey week, up 0.64 cents/hr from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.40 per hour, down 27 cents/hr from 2003. Livestock workers earned \$9.40 per hour down 27 cents/hr from a year earlier.

In the Cornbelt I region, the annual average number of hired farm employment workers in 2004 was 41,000, down 1,700 workers from 2003. The annual average for the Nation's farm employment hired workers was 825,000, down 10,500 workers from 2003.

In Ohio, the average hourly wage for all hired workers in 2004 was \$9.95, up 81 cents from 2003. Field worker average rates increased 84 cents to \$9.42 per hour. Field and livestock workers combined received an average of \$9.47, up 81 cents/hr from 2003.

On U.S. farms and ranches, there were 1,173,000 hired farm and service workers during the survey week, down 24,000 from a year earlier. There were 851,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees accounted for the remaining 322,000 workers.

U.S. hired workers were paid an average wage of \$9.30 per hour, up 25 cents from 2003. Field workers received \$8.60 per hour, up 18 cents from a year earlier. Livestock workers were paid \$8.91 per hour, an increase of 27 cents from 2003.

### FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, CORNBELT I, AND U.S., OCTOBER 11-16, 2004, WITH COMPARISONS

	Cornbelt I <sup>1/</sup>			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	Oct.12-18 2003	July 11-17 2004	Oct. 10-16 2004	Oct. 12-18 2003	July 11-17 2004 <sup>5/</sup>	Oct.10-16 2004
<b>Thousands of workers</b>						
Farm Employment						
Hired	45	50	47	891	961	851
150 days or more	26	33	32	626	637	605
149 days or less	19	17	15	265	324	246
Ag service workers	N/A	N/A	N/A	306	343	322
<b>Dollars per hour</b>						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers <sup>3/ 4/</sup>	9.34	9.60	9.98	9.05	9.04	9.30
Type of work						
Field & livestock	8.91	8.85	9.40	8.47	8.43	8.67
Field	8.76	8.80	9.40	8.42	8.34	8.60
Livestock	9.67	8.96	9.40	8.64	8.74	8.91
<b>Hours worked per week</b>						
Hired	40.6	34.7	35.5	40.2	39.2	40.5

1/ Ohio, Indiana, Illinois. 2/ Excludes AK. 3/ Benefits, such as housing and meals are provided for some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 4/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 5/ Revised.

### ANNUAL FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, OHIO, CORNBELT I, AND U.S., 2003-2004 <sup>4/</sup>

	Ohio		Cornbelt <sup>1/</sup>		United States <sup>2/</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>Thousands of workers</b>						
Farm Employment						
Hired	N/A	N/A	42.7	41.0	836.0	825.5
<b>Dollars per hour</b>						
Wage Rates <sup>3/ 4/</sup>						
Type of work						
All hired	9.14	9.95	9.61	9.89	9.08	9.22
Field	8.58	9.42	8.88	9.16	8.31	8.45
Field & Livestock	8.66	9.47	9.00	9.20	8.42	8.55
<b>Hours worked per week</b>						
Hired	N/A	N/A	36.2	36.6	39.5	39.6

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## OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN ELEVEN PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during October 2004 totaled 26.7 million pounds; down 11 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 10.5 million pounds, down 25 percent; calves, 2.3 million pounds, down 3 percent; hogs, 27.2 million pounds, down 9 percent; sheep & lambs, 115 thousand pounds, down 9 percent.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.92 billion pounds in October, down 6 percent from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in October 2003.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down 9 percent from October 2003. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,267 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 24 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,500 head, down 28 percent from October 2003. The average live weight was 22 pounds above last year, at 330 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.78 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.97 million head, 7 percent below October 2003. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 9 percent from October 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 241,400 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, unchanged from October a year ago.

### OCTOBER COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 2003, 2004

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2003	2004	Pct. of prev. yr.	2003	2004	Pct. of prev. yr.
Number of Head (000)						
Cattle	11.7	9.3	79	3,009.5	2,745.7	91
Calves	6.0	6.0	100	87.2	62.5	72
Hogs	110.4	100.4	91	9,649.2	8,970.2	93
Sheep & lambs	1.1	1.1	100	265.1	241.4	91
Average live weight (lbs)						
Cattle	1,193	1,130	95	1,231	1,267	103
Calves	403	394	98	308	330	107
Hogs	269	270	100	267	267	100
Sheep & lambs	116	103	89	134	134	100
Total live weight (000 lbs)						
Cattle	13,911	10,480	75	3,704,306	3,479,458	94
Calves	2,422	2,346	97	26,881	20,645	77
Hogs	29,732	27,153	91	2,578,610	2,392,890	93
Sheep & lambs	126	115	91	35,626	32,418	91

### OHIO OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during October 2004 was 378 million pounds, 10 million pounds more than a year earlier.

The average number of cows on Ohio farms during October 2004 was 266 thousand; 7 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,420 pounds, was unchanged from a year ago.

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled

12.2 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from October 2003. September revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from September 2003. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,576 pounds for October 2004, 15 pounds above October 2003. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 26,000 head more than October 2003 and unchanged from September 2004.

### SEPTEMBER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS 2003, 2004

	Ohio			United States		
	2003	2004	2004	2003	2004	2004
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream (Hard)	2,412	2,050	85	73,398	70,680	96

### OCTOBER MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION 2003, 2004

State	Milk cows on farm <sup>1/</sup>			Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>			Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>			
	Oct. 2003	Sept. 2004 *	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2003	Sept. 2004 *	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2003	Sept. 2004 *	Oct. 2004	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,698	1,737	1,740	1,720	1,715	1,770	2,921	2,979	3,080	105
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>103</b>
Wisconsin	1,250	1,239	1,238	1,465	1,440	1,475	1,831	1,784	1,826	100
20 State Total	7,743	7,769	7,769	1,561	1,529	1,576	12,083	11,878	12,245	101

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. \*Revised

## U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2004, were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, beef, orange juice, eggs and cheese.

Butter stocks were down 21 percent from last month and down 38 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 3 percent from last month and up 10 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 5 percent from last month, but down slightly from the

previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 42 percent from last month, but down 24 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2004 were 1 percent below the previous month, but 9 percent above a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 33 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 7 percent from last month and down 16 percent from October 31, 2003.

### STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE OCTOBER 31, 2004 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2003	Sep. 30, 2004	Oct. 31, 2004	October 31, 2004 as percent of	
				10/31/03	09/30/04
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	170,154	133,008	104,673	62	79
Cheese, Total Natural	722,406	790,717	752,529	104	95
Eggs, Frozen	16,854	18,720	17,970	107	96
Fruits, Frozen	1,182,310	1,017,123	1,169,580	99	115
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,643,087	2,011,756	1,920,099	117	95
Meats, Total Red	836,916	894,397	917,817	110	103
Beef, Total Frozen	375,171	457,244	459,023	122	100
Pork, Total Frozen	446,843	422,116	445,212	100	105
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,186,037	1,306,180	1,291,446	109	99
Chicken	600,664	777,874	800,245	133	103
Turkeys	582,683	527,388	490,375	84	93
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,557,364	2,442,568	2,574,129	101	105
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,247,982	1,178,746	1,276,881	102	108

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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